

Application Serial No. 10/525,787
 Reply to Office Action of November 21, 2006

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REMARKS

This is in reply to the Office Action dated November 21, 2006, in which the amendment submitted on September 21, 2006 is objected to for the spacing of the lines not being at one and a half or double spaced. The Applicant herewith submits the previous amendment with one and a half line spacing. The amendment is also objected to for the size of the font and the off center placement of the text. The previous amendment was presented with arial size 12 font as recommended in MPEP 608.01, and was centered. It looks as though the facsimile transmission was slightly tilted, which may have caused the problem. The present amendment is also submitted with arial size 12 font, and is centered.

In the Office Action, dated August 16, 2006, the Examiner states that Claims 1-25 are pending, and Claims 1-25 are subject to a restriction requirement. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

The claims have been amended to correct minor informalities, and to remove the reference signs, characterizing language and multiple dependencies.

In the Office Action, the application is subjected to a provisional restriction requirement between Species A (Figure 1) and Species B (Figures 2 and 3). The Applicant provisionally elects Species B to which Claims 1 and 3-25 read upon. Claim 2 directed to Species A depends from Claim 1 which is a generic linking claim.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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